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ABSTRACT

By a parametric representation of fuzzy numbers, normal strictly and upper semi-continuous fuzzy numbers with bounded supports are identified with bounded continuous curves in the two-dimensional metric space. We introduce fuzzified oil well equation and discuss the stability of solutions of the fuzzy differential equation (FDE) by the method of parametric representation of fuzzy numbers. We also show that the analysis of fuzzy differential inclusions plays an important role in discussing similar asymptotic behaviours to ordinary differential equations.

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1. PARAMETRIC REPRESENTATION

Let $I = [0, 1]$. We define the following set of fuzzy numbers, where a fuzzy number x is characterized by a membership function μ_x as follows (cf. [1]):

Definition 1.

$F = \{\mu_x : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow I \text{ satisfying } \textcircled{i} - \textcircled{iv} \text{ below}\}.$

- (i) There exists a unique $m \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $\mu_x(m) = 1$;
- (ii) $\text{supp}(\mu_x) = \text{cl}(\{\xi \in \mathcal{R} : \mu(\xi) > 0\})$ is bounded in \mathcal{R} ;
- (iii) μ_x is strictly quasi-convex on the compact support $\text{supp}(\mu_x)$, i.e.,
 $\mu_x(\lambda\xi_1 + (1-\lambda)\xi_2) > \min[\mu_x(\xi_1), \mu_x(\xi_2)]$
for $0 < \lambda < 1$ and $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in J$ such that $\xi_1 \neq \xi_2$;
- (iv) μ_x is upper semi-continuous on \mathcal{R} .

In usual case a fuzzy number x satisfies quasi-convex on \mathcal{R} , i.e.,

$$\mu_x(\lambda\xi_1 + (1-\lambda)\xi_2) > \min[\mu_x(\xi_1), \mu_x(\xi_2)]$$

for $0 < \lambda < 1$ and $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in \mathcal{R}$. Condition (iii) plays an important role in proving properties of membership function μ_x in Theorem 1, where we show significant properties concerning the end-points of the α -cut set

$$L_\alpha(\mu_x) = \{\xi \in \mathcal{R} : \mu_x(\xi) \geq \alpha\}.$$

In the similar way as [1] we consider the following parametric representation of $\mu_x \in \mathcal{F}_b^{\mathcal{R}}$ such that

$$x_1(\alpha) = \min L_\alpha(\mu_x), \quad (1.1)$$

$$x_2(\alpha) = \max L_\alpha(\mu_x), \quad (1.2)$$

for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and that $x_1(0) = \min \text{cl}(\text{supp}(\mu_x))$, $x_2(0) = \max \text{cl}(\text{supp}(\mu_x))$. In what follows we denote a fuzzy numbers by $x = (x_1, x_2)$.

By applying the above extension principle and the representation of fuzzy numbers we get the following results.

1) Addition. Let $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathcal{F}_b^{\mathcal{R}}$. We get the addition

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{x+y}(\xi) &= \sup_{\xi = \xi_1 + \xi_2} \min[\mu_x(\xi_1), \mu_y(\xi_2)] \\ &= \sup\{\alpha \in I : \xi = \xi_1 + \xi_2, \xi_1 \in x_\alpha, \xi_2 \in y_\alpha\} \\ &= \sup\{\alpha \in I : x_1(\alpha) + y_1(\alpha) \leq \xi \leq x_2(\alpha) + y_2(\alpha)\} \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

which means that $x + y = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2)$. Here $x_\alpha = L_\alpha(\mu_x)$ etc.

2) Subtraction. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{x-y}(\xi) &= \sup_{\xi = \xi_1 - \xi_2} \min[\mu_x(\xi_1), \mu_y(\xi_2)] \\ &= \sup\{\alpha \in I : \xi = \xi_1 - \xi_2, \xi_1 \in x_\alpha, \xi_2 \in y_\alpha\} \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

means that $x - y = (x_1 - y_2, x_2 - y_1)$.

3) Product. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{xy}(\xi) &= \sup_{\xi = \xi_1 \xi_2} \min[\mu_x(\xi_1), \mu_y(\xi_2)] \\ &= \sup\{\alpha \in I : \xi = \xi_1 \xi_2, \xi_1 \in x_\alpha, \xi_2 \in y_\alpha\} \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

means that the following relation.

$$xy = \begin{cases} (x_1 y_1, x_2 y_2) & (0 \leq x_1, 0 \leq y_1) \\ (x_2 y_1, x_2 y_2) & (0 \leq x_1, y_1 \leq 0 \leq y_2) \\ (x_2 y_1, x_1 y_2) & (0 \leq x_1, y_2 \leq 0) \\ (x_1 y_2, x_2 y_2) & (x_1 \leq 0 \leq x_2, 0 \leq y_1) \\ (\min(x_2 y_1, x_1 y_2), \\ \min(x_1 y_1, x_2 y_2)) & (x_1 \leq 0 \leq x_2, y_1 \leq 0 \leq y_2) \\ (x_2 y_1, x_1 y_1) & (x_1 \leq 0 \leq x_2, y_2 \leq 0) \\ (x_1 y_2, x_2 y_1) & (x_2 \leq 0, 0 \leq y_1) \\ (x_1 y_2, x_1 y_1) & (x_2 \leq 0, y_1 \leq 0 \leq y_2) \\ (x_2 y_2, x_1 y_1) & (x_2 \leq 0, y_2 \leq 0) \end{cases}$$

By the above parametric representation of fuzzy numbers we get the following theorem concerning properties of end-points.

Theorem 1. Denote $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathcal{F}_b^{\text{st}}$, where $x_1, x_2: I \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$. Then the following properties (i)-(ii) hold:

- (i) $x_i \in C(I)$, $i = 1, 2$. Here $C(I)$ is the set of all the continuous functions on I ;
- (ii) There exists a unique $m \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $x_1(1) = x_2(1) = m$ and $x_1(\alpha) \leq m \leq x_2(\alpha)$ for $\alpha \in I$;
- (iii) One of the following statements (a) and (b) holds;
 - (a) Functions x_1, x_2 are non-decreasing, non-increasing on I , respectively, with $x_1(\alpha) \leq m \leq x_2(\alpha)$ for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$;
 - (b) $x_1(\alpha) = x_2(\alpha) = m$ for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$.

Conversely, under the above conditions (i)-(iii), if we denote $\mu_x(\xi) = \sup\{\alpha \in I: x_1(\alpha) \leq \xi \leq x_2(\alpha)\}$ then μ_x is the membership function of x , i.e., $\mu_x \in \mathcal{F}_b^{\text{st}}$. Let a metric between $x = (x_1(\cdot), x_2(\cdot))$, $y = (y_1(\cdot), y_2(\cdot))$ be defined as follows.

$$d(x, y) = \sup_{\alpha \in I} (|x_1(\alpha) - y_1(\alpha)| + |x_2(\alpha) - y_2(\alpha)|) \quad (1.6)$$

Then we get following result immediately (see [2,3]).

Theorem 2. $(\mathcal{F}_b^{\text{st}}, d)$ is complete metric space.

2. CALCULUS OF FUZZY FUNCTIONS

Consider a function $x: \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_b^{\text{st}}$. Then $x(t)$ is said to be a fuzzy function. In [7] we find the following definition of fuzzy functions.

$$\begin{aligned} x(t, \cdot) &= \{(x_1(t, \alpha), x_2(t, \alpha))^T \in \mathcal{R}: \alpha \in I\} \\ &= (x_1(t, \cdot), x_2(t, \cdot)) \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

for $t \in [t_1, t_2]$. Denote $x(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t))$.

A fuzzy function $x(t) = (x_1(t, \alpha), x_2(t, \alpha)): \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_b^{\text{st}}$ is H-differentiable at t in the sense of Hukuhara if there exists an $R \in \mathcal{F}_b^{\text{st}}$ such that (i) and (ii) hold as $h \rightarrow +0$.

- (i) $x(t+h) = x(t) + h\eta + o(h)$;
- (ii) $x(t) = x(t-h) + h\eta + o(h)$.

Here $o(h) = (o_1(h), o_2(h)) \in C[0, \varepsilon] \times C[0, \varepsilon]$ with $\varepsilon > 0$, which means that

$$\lim_{|h| \rightarrow 0} \frac{d(o(h), 0)}{|h|} = 0. \quad (2.2)$$

Then $x(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t))$ is H-differentiable at t if and only if $x_1(t, \alpha), x_2(t, \alpha)$ are differentiable in t for each $\alpha \in I$ such that $\eta = (\frac{\partial x_1}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial t}) \in \mathcal{F}_b^{\text{st}}$.

In [4] the author discuss the integration of fuzzy function $x(t)$.

Definition 2. A fuzzy function

$x(t, \cdot) = (x_1(t, \cdot), x_2(t, \cdot))$ is called integrable over $[t_1, t_2]$ if $x_1(t, \alpha)$ and $x_2(t, \alpha)$ are integrable over $[t_1, t_2]$ for $\alpha \in I$. Define

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} x(s, \cdot) ds = \{(\int_{t_1}^{t_2} x_1(s, \cdot) ds, \int_{t_1}^{t_2} x_2(s, \cdot) ds)^T \in \mathcal{R}^2: \alpha \in I\}$$

3. FUZZY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

In [5] they discuss exponential decay problems, e.g., machine replacement and oil well extraction, etc. They analyze optimization problems for each oil well to determine its optimal replacement schedule. Denote the quality remaining in the well at time t by $x(t)$ and denote the rate of oil extraction by $D > 0$. Then they get the following rate of oil extraction $x'(t) = -Dx$ with $x(0) = v$. Then $x(t) = ve^{-Dt}$.

In what follows we consider the rate of oil extraction D as a constant fuzzy number $D = (D_1, D_2) \in \mathcal{F}_b^{\text{st}}$, where $D_1(\alpha)$ is the left end-point of the α -cut set and $D_1(\alpha) > 0$ for $\alpha \in I$. Then we assume that the oil quality $x(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t)) \in \mathcal{F}_b^{\text{st}}$ is a fuzzy function which means the quality remaining in the well at time t and $v \in \mathcal{F}_b^{\text{st}}$. Consider an initial value problem of fuzzy differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt}(t) = -(Dx), \quad x(0) = v. \quad (3.1)$$

The above problem has a unique solution

$$x(t) = v + \int_0^t (-(Dx(s))) ds. \quad (3.2)$$

See [6].

It follows that as long as $x_1(t) \geq 0$, by the extension of principle

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}(x_1(t), x_2(t)) &= -(D_1, D_2)(x_1, x_2) \\ &= -(D_1 x_1, D_2 x_2) \\ &= (-D_2 x_2, -D_1 x_1).\end{aligned}\quad (3.3)$$

Then we have two ordinary differential equations such as

$$x_1'(t) = -D_2 x_2, \quad x_2'(t) = -D_1 x_1 \quad (3.4)$$

with $x(0) = (v_1, v_2) \in \mathcal{F}_b^{st}$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}x_1(t) &= \frac{(v_1 + v_2 \sqrt{\frac{D_2}{D_1}}) e^{-\sqrt{D_1 D_2} t}}{2} + \frac{(v_1 - v_2 \sqrt{\frac{D_2}{D_1}}) e^{\sqrt{D_1 D_2} t}}{2}, \\ x_2(t) &= \frac{(v_1 \sqrt{\frac{D_1}{D_2}} + v_2) e^{-\sqrt{D_1 D_2} t}}{2} - \frac{(v_1 \sqrt{\frac{D_1}{D_2}} - v_2) e^{\sqrt{D_1 D_2} t}}{2},\end{aligned}\quad (3.5)$$

$$(3.6)$$

for $t \geq 0$. These solutions, $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$, decrease with an increase in time, and x_1 attain zero at the time

$$t_0 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{D_1 D_2}} \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{\frac{D_2}{D_1}} v_2 + v_1}{\sqrt{\frac{D_2}{D_1}} v_2 - v_1} \right). \quad (3.7)$$

After this time t_0 , we must use other system of the differential equations available for $x_1(t) \leq 0$. Then it follows that for $x_1(t) \leq 0$, by the extension of principle

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}(x_1(t), x_2(t)) &= -(D_1, D_2)(x_1, x_2) \\ &= -(D_2 x_1, D_2 x_2) \\ &= (-D_2 x_2, -D_2 x_1).\end{aligned}\quad (3.8)$$

Then we have two ordinary differential equations such as

$$x_1'(t) = -D_2 x_2, \quad x_2'(t) = -D_2 x_1 \quad (3.9)$$

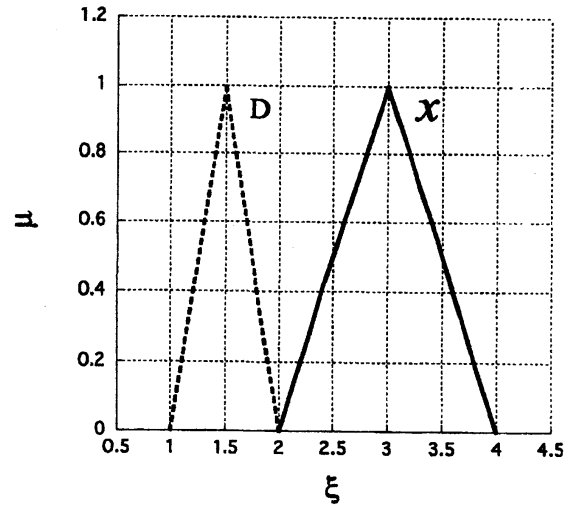


Fig. 1. Triangular membership functions for $x(0)$ and D used for the computations.

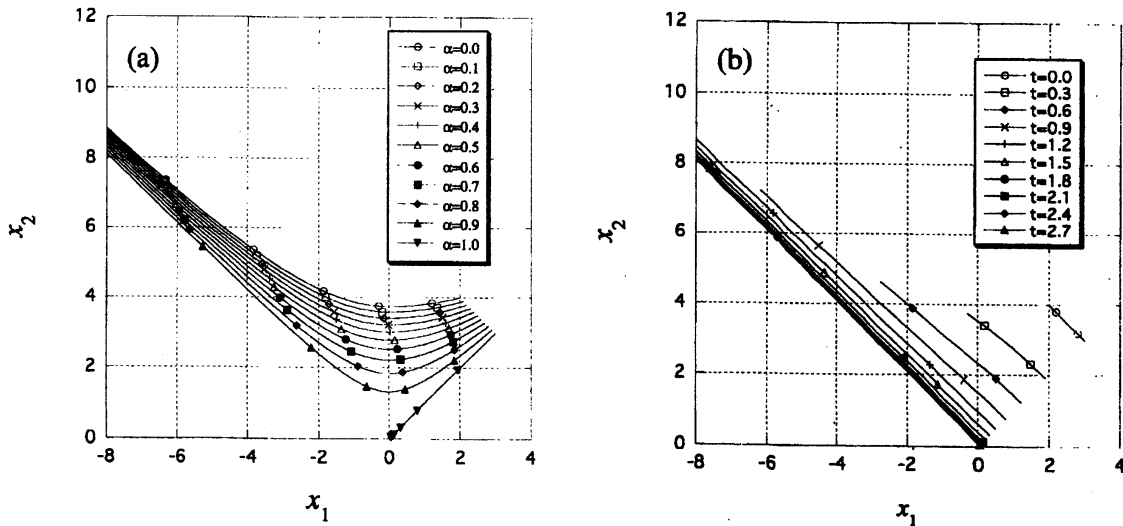


Fig. 2. Computed results of the fuzzy differential equation (3.1): (a) curves of solutions for each α , (b) temporal evolutions of the bounded continuous curves indicating the membership function.

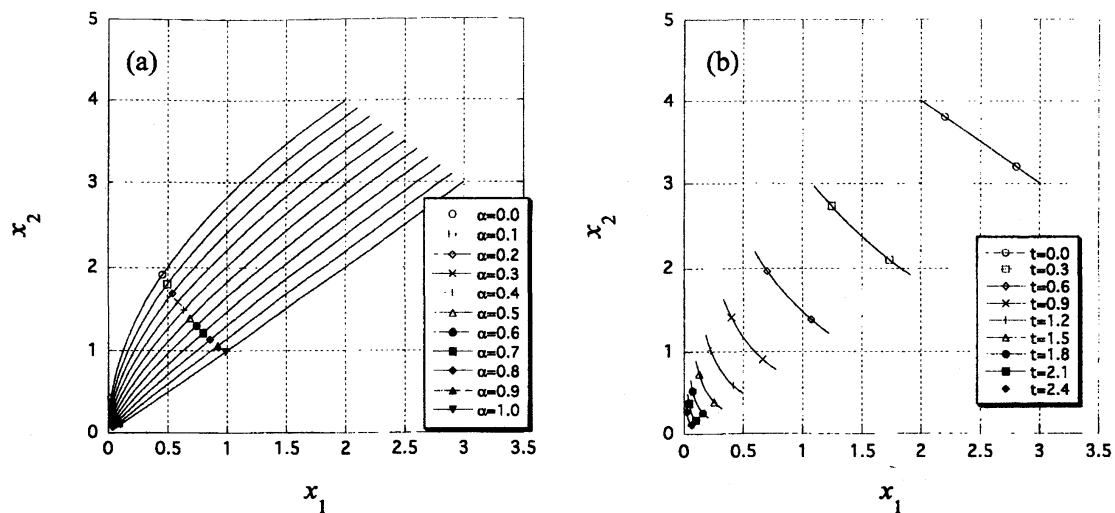


Fig. 3. Computed results of the fuzzy differential inclusion: (a) curves of solutions for each α , (b) temporal evolutions of the bounded continuous curves indicating the membership function.

with $x(t_0) = (0, v_{20}) \in \mathcal{F}_b^{\pi}$. Therefore

$$x_1(t-t_0) = \frac{v_{20}}{2} (e^{-D_1(t-t_0)} - e^{D_2(t-t_0)}), \quad (3.10)$$

$$x_2(t-t_0) = \frac{v_{20}}{2} (e^{-D_1(t-t_0)} + e^{D_2(t-t_0)}). \quad (3.11)$$

Then we get the unstable result of solution $x = (x_1, x_2)$ such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} d(x(t), 0) = +\infty \quad (3.12)$$

where $0 \in R$, as well as it follows that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |\sqrt{D_1(\alpha)} x_1(t, \alpha) + \sqrt{D_2(\alpha)} x_2(t, \alpha)| = 0 \quad (3.13)$$

(see [3]).

To provide the graphs from these results, we consider membership functions for the initial value $x(0)$ and the constant D as shown in Fig. 1. The temporal evolutions calculated are shown in Fig. 2. It is found that fuzzy differential equations enlarge its fuzziness of the system as time increases. Although the center of the fuzzy number for the decaying system described shows the exponential decay, other fuzzy numbers show asymptotic behaviors with $x_1(t, \alpha) \rightarrow -\infty$ and $x_2(t, \alpha) \rightarrow +\infty$ as $t \rightarrow +\infty$ for $\alpha \neq 1$.

4 FUZZY DIFFERENTIAL INCLUSIONS

In this section we introduce the idea of fuzzy differential inclusions in [6, 7, 8, 9].

Example. Consider an initial value problem of fuzzy differential equation (3.2). According to the idea of fuzzy

differential inclusions in which a family of differential inclusions plays an important role in finding some kind of fuzzy sets of (3.2) (See [10]). Let

$$F(\xi, \alpha) = [-D_2(\alpha)\xi, -D_1(\alpha)\xi] \subset R$$

defined on $R \times I$ to the set of compact and convex sets K_C^1 in R . Then one can solve the following differential inclusions

$$\xi'_\alpha(t) \in F(\xi, \alpha), \quad \xi_\alpha(0) \in L_\alpha(v) \quad (4.1)$$

where $L_\alpha(v) = [v_1(\alpha), v_2(\alpha)]$ for $\alpha \in I$, which means that differential inequalities

$$-D_2(\alpha)\xi_\alpha(t) \leq \xi'_\alpha(t) \leq -D_1(\alpha)\xi_\alpha(t) \quad (4.2)$$

$$v_1(\alpha) \leq \xi_\alpha(0) \leq v_2(\alpha) \quad (4.3)$$

for $\alpha \in I$. Then we emphasize that the function ξ_α is R -valued function defined on R without information on the grade of fuzzy number x , so $\xi_\alpha(t)$ is a real numbers but not fuzzy number. By basic calculation we get $\xi_\alpha(0)e^{-D_2(\alpha)t} \leq \xi_\alpha(t) \leq \xi_\alpha(0)e^{-D_1(\alpha)t}$ with $\xi_\alpha \in L_\alpha(v)$. Therefore we have $\xi_\alpha(t) \in [v_1e^{-D_2(\alpha)t}, v_2e^{-D_1(\alpha)t}]$ for $\alpha \in I$, $t \in R$, which is called a solution set denoted by $S_\alpha(L_\alpha(v), t) = [v_1(\alpha)e^{-D_2(\alpha)t}, v_2(\alpha)e^{-D_1(\alpha)t}]$. The solution set $S_\alpha(L_\alpha(v), t)$ is the α -cut set of the parametric representation of a fuzzy number $(v_1e^{-D_2t}, v_2e^{-D_1t})$. Thus we get a fuzzy solution of (3.1) as

$$x(t) = (v_1e^{-D_2t}, v_2e^{-D_1t}) \quad (4.4)$$

for $t \in R$. The temporal evolutions calculated by the fuzzy differential inclusion are shown in Fig. 3.

5 CONCLUDING REMARKS

In classical analysis of the initial value problem (3.1) we observe the instability of solutions by the method of parametric representation of fuzzy numbers. By applying differential inclusions to fuzzy differential equations (FDE) the same results of FDE as those in theory of ordinary differential equations. Much richer properties in fuzzy differential inclusions is significant but, in considering K_C^1 -valued function $F(\xi, \alpha)$, one treats each fuzzy number $x(t) \in \mathcal{F}_b^{st} x(t)$ as a real number $x(t) \in R$. Finally, we get solution sets which are the α -cut sets of a fuzzy set. By treating many practical modeling of real systems with uncertainty we can get better conclusions on comparison between fuzzy differential inclusions and the parametric representation of fuzzy numbers.

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